THE FIFTH DAY.

1st March 1912.

SUBJECTS.

The Assembly met again at 11 A. M. on Friday, the 1st March 1912.

Before the consideration of the subjects was taken up, announcement was made of His Highness the Maha Raja's approval of the election of Mr. P. K. Kesava Pillai, B. A. B. L., as a non-official Member of the Legislative Council in the place of Mr. A. Sree Narayanan Tampi, whose term of office had expired.

Improvement of the road from the 97th mile of the M. C. Road to Elikulom via Nattasery. Thiruvanchiyoor etc., and the construction of a bridge at the ferry called Pala Muri.

Mr. Mathew Alexandriose (Member, Kottayam taluk) stated that the village road from the 97th mile of the M. C. Road and joining the Ponkunnum--Lalam road, if converted into a public road, would prove to be an easy means of communication to the inhabitants of Elikulom, Panamattum, Mattakara, Anikad and other places. Moreover, the trade in copra, ginger, pepper and molasses, the produce of the Vijayapuram and Akalakunnam *pakuthies*, would greatly be facilitated. He said that the subject was mooted at the fifth Assembly and the answer then was that there were no funds available at the time. He further observed that there was no necessity for acquiring any land and the road could be opened at a small cost. The Member also urged the necessity for putting up a bridge at the ferry called Palamuri in the Thiruvanjiyoor road.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the road from Kottayam to the Parippil temple.

Mr. Kanakku Narayanan Kesavan (Member, Kottayam taluk) urged the necessity for a cartable road to the Parippil temple, a distance of 4 miles, and said that the subject was brought up at the fifth Assembly and the work was included in the list of works to be executed in the Kottayam Division, and yet the work was not taken up in hand.

Dewan's reply.—The construction of the road has been sanctioned and the Chief Engineer hopes to start the work next year.

Do. Do. from Kottayam to Kumarakam.

Mr. C. K. Krishna Panickar (Member, Nominated) said that the present condition of the road was deplorable, as neither pedestrians nor carts could pass through it. The necessity for a good road was keenly felt, for the people from Kumarakam and adjoining places always had to go to Kottayam, a

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